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H. R. 3600

To prohibit the sale and counterfeiting of Presidential inaugural tickets.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Mr. CLEAVER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To prohibit the sale and counterfeiting of Presidential
inaugural tickets.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON SALE AND COUNTERFEITING**
4 **OF INAUGURAL TICKETS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 25 of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 515. Prohibition on sale and counterfeiting of inau-**
9 **gural tickets**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any per-
11 son to—

1 “(1) except as provided in subsection (b), know-
2 ingly and willfully sell for money or property, or fa-
3 cilitate the sale for money or property of, a ticket to
4 a Presidential inaugural ceremony;

5 “(2) with the intent to defraud, falsely make,
6 forge, counterfeit, or falsely alter a ticket to a Presi-
7 dential inaugural ceremony; or

8 “(3) with the intent to defraud, use, unlawfully
9 possess, or exhibit a ticket to a Presidential inau-
10 gural ceremony, knowing the ticket to be falsely
11 made, forged, counterfeited, or falsely altered.

12 “(b) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply to the
13 sale for money or property, facilitation of such a sale, or
14 attempt of such a sale, of a ticket to a Presidential inau-
15 gural ceremony—

16 “(1) that occurs after the date on which the
17 Presidential inaugural ceremony for which the ticket
18 was issued occurs; or

19 “(2) by an official presidential inaugural com-
20 mittee established on behalf of a President-elect of
21 the United States.

22 “(c) PENALTY.—Whoever violates subsection (a)
23 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than
24 1 year, or both.

1 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘Presi-
2 dential inaugural ceremony’ means a public inaugural
3 ceremony at which the President-elect or the Vice Presi-
4 dent-elect take the oath or affirmation of office for the
5 office of President of the United States or the office of
6 Vice President of the United States, respectively.”.

7 (b) AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The
8 chapter analysis for chapter 25 of title 18, United States
9 Code, is amended by inserting at the end the following:

“515. Prohibition on sale and counterfeiting of inaugural tickets.”.

